

## Allentown EAC 10/11/10 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held at the City of Allentown's Third Floor Conference Room and began at 5:28 PM.

The following people were in attendance

Chairman Dan Poresky, Vice Chair Dave McGuire, Julie Thomases, Pete Terry, Tom Kerr, Karen El Chaar

1. The group reviewed the agenda and agreed that the meeting would be an open meeting until 6:15PM at which the meeting would be closed to the public so that the Delta Thermo project could be discussed in closed session.
2. Dan reported that the City's website now has EAC information on it.
3. Dave reported that the shade tree ordinance is in draft but is not yet available to the public. It should be introduced 10/20/10.
4. Dan reported that there will be a public meeting concerning the dog park master plan on 10/12/10.
5. The Parks and Recreation Committee meeting scheduled for 10/25 includes a discussion on how to involve the EAC in the decision process. (This meeting was canceled)

There was a brief discussion of numerous projects the Parks Department has ongoing including a BMX bicycle ramp, a monument on MLK Drive, the Lehigh River East Side trail and sustainable infrastructure. Julie and Greg Wetzel of parks will be discussing the EAC funded signs in the near future.

6. Karen El Chaar (Friends of the Allentown Parks) discussed numerous clean-up events and the improvement projects they have recently completed as well as numerous activities in the near future.
7. Julie reported that they have selected 4/16/11 as the date for the next Sustain-a-Ball. They plan to make it similar to last year's event.
8. Dan indicated that we need to find additional new members.
9. Dave brought forward the following motions.
  - A. No member of the EAS or the EAC Group should appear in any official EAC capacity at the official opening of the city's destination park which is now scheduled for 10-25-10.
  - B. The EAC expresses its serious concern that a program of aquatic mowing and/or treatment of lakes streams, and ponds was planned and executed by the city without notice to the EAC and without regard to the city's ordinance requiring EAC to provide advice to the city on environmental matters.
  - C. The EAC expresses its serious concern that a proposal for the removal of the land bridge to Sparkle Island in Lake Muhlenberg is being considered (was considered) by the city without notice to the EAC and without regard to the city's ordinance requiring EAC to provide advice to the city on environmental matters.
  - D. The EAC expressed its serious concern that at this date there has been no notice to the EAC of any effort by the city to plan for the future of Lake Muhlenberg, notwithstanding: that the city received a report in 2008 identifying the need for such a plan, that the EAC since its creation by ordinance in 2008 has several times conveyed to the city its interest in developing such a plan.
  - E. The EAC advises the city to terminate the "Lights in the Park" based on environmental consequences and the diversion of city employees from critical services within the park system.

Each of the motions passed by a 4-0 vote except motion D which passed by 3-1 vote.

The meeting ended at 7:32PM.